

PFAS Highlights

September 2019 (updated 09/05/2019)

ATSDR

ATSDR is in the midst of recruiting participants for our DOD funded Exposure Assessments in Martinsburg WV and New Castle DE. The exposure assessments are where ATSDR and ATSDR contractors are collecting blood, urine, and limited environmental samples at 8 locations nationwide. We are going door to door to statistically selected households in WV starting today 9/4/19, and will continue that through next week. Blood and urine collection will follow shortly after that. Door to door recruitment in DE is slated to start in early October.

Selection of grantees for ATSDR's national multisite health study is expected soon, possibly by the end of September. This was an open application process, so grantees can be academics, community groups, health departments, etc.

Delaware

Dover Air Force Base: Approximately 9 additional private wells in the initial sampling area were sampled in early August 2019 (one is a re-sample) and results are expected in September 2019. The Air Force is currently working on the contract to expand the sampling area downgradient of the 4 exceedances previously found. That sampling could occur as early as October 2019. The Air Force is providing bottled water to the 4 properties with exceedances.

Maryland

No updates

Pennsylvania

PA provides funds for treatment of PFAS in Bucks and Montgomery County drinking water: On August 22, Governor Wolf announced a \$3.8 million dollar grant to help communities in Bucks and Montgomery Counties defray costs associated with treatment of drinking water to remove PFAS contamination. Some of the funding will be used by the Townships to treat water contaminated below the EPA Lifetime Health Advisory. Funds are also provided to connect private well owners in the Hartsville area to public water. Specific details related to the Hartsville homes are not yet available.

NSA Mechanicsburg: Fifty-five private wells were sampled in early August. Several had PFAS detections below the LHA and one exceeded the LHA (well serves a machine shop and residence). The Navy is providing bottled water. Two additional owners have since requested sampling and their results are expected in October 2019. On-base sampling of 11 potential PFAS release areas will begin in FY20.

Old Frackville Dump: Site Assessment continues to prepare and plan for a site inspection with sampling now expected to occur in early October 2019. Staff is performing door to door outreach to residences that are still on private wells in Frackville the week of September 1, 2019 and will attempt to secure access to as many properties as possible for sampling drinking water.

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Safety Light: On Site wells sampled in June 2019 for potential PFAS contamination. Awaiting validated results.

North Penn – Area 2: On-Site sampling was conducted in May 2019. PFAS was found above the HA in 2 monitoring wells. Work Plan for next round of sampling to be submitted in late September.

Virginia

NASA Wallops Flight Facility (WFF): Construction of the GAC treatment system for the Town of Chincoteague (TOC) wells is almost complete. The three TOC wells, which are located on WFF and previously taken offline due to PFAS above HALs, should be connected to the treatment system and back in operation by early October.

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levels of PFAS have also been detected in adjacent surface water bodies. A meeting is scheduled for 9/17 to discuss next steps.

Oceana Salvage: PFAS sampling completed August 2019. Preliminary data indicates PFAS was non-detect in two nearby domestic campground wells and a private well on the site. All three wells are deep. On-site sampling at Oceana Salvage showed the shallow aquifer with PFAS detection above 70ppt. PFAS was also detected in soil, sediments, and surface water both on and off-site. Validated is expected October 2019.

West Virginia No Updates

District of Columbia No updates